

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A system comprising:
2 a computer system including a processor and a memory for:
3 retrieving digital media content;
4 storing the digital media content in the memory; and
5 providing the digital media content to a thin media client using a first
6 network.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises an audio
2 client.
- 1 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the digital media content comprises an audio
2 file.
- 1 4. The system of claim 2, wherein the digital media content comprises realtime
2 audio information.
- Sub A3 1 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises a video client,
2 and wherein the digital media content comprises video information.
- 1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises an image
2 client, and wherein the digital media content comprises image information.
- 1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 transcoding the digital media content prior to providing the digital
3 media content to the thin media client.

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8. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
performing a rights management task associated with the digital media content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
9. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
performing a decompression function on the digital media content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
10. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
performing a decryption function on the digital media content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
11. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
buffering the digital media content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
12. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
providing an interface associated with the thin media client to a user to allow the user to access one or more features of the thin media client.
13. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
retrieving the digital media content using a second network.
14. The system of claim 1, wherein the first network comprises a home network.

- 1 15. A method performed by a computer system comprising:
2 retrieving digital media content;
3 storing the digital media content in a memory of the computer system;
4 and
5 providing the digital media content to a thin media client.
- 1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises an audio
2 client.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the digital media content comprises an
2 audio file.
- 1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the digital media content comprises realtime
2 audio information.
- 1 19. The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises a video
2 client, and wherein the digital media content comprises video information.
- 1 20. The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises an image
2 client, and wherein the digital media content comprises image information.
- 1 21. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 transcoding the digital media content prior to providing the digital
3 media content to the thin media client.
- 1 22. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 performing a rights management task associated with the digital media
3 content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

- 1 23. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 performing a decompression function on the digital media content prior
3 to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
- 1 24. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 performing a decryption function on the digital media content prior to
3 providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
- 1 25. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 buffering the digital media content prior to providing the digital media
3 content to the thin media client.
- 1 26. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 providing an interface associated with the thin media client to a user to
3 allow the user to access one or more features of the thin media client.
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